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For: NETWORK FOR DECREASING TRANSMIT LINK LAYER CORE SPEED

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

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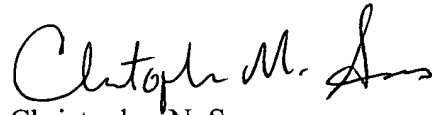
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
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		4,593,281	06/03/86	Lare				
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
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							YES	NO
		EP 0 982 898 A1	03/01/00	Europe			✓	
		JP 4-61528	2/27/92	Japan			✓	
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b> <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>								
		IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "DATA FUNNEL FOR CONNECTION OF MULTIPLE CHANNEL TYPES", Vol. 32, No. 2, July 1989, pp 54-55.						
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